

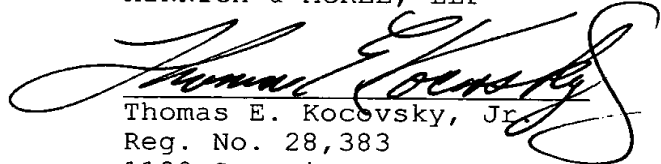
It is submitted that new claim 19 is properly a part of elected Group I. The stated grounds for restriction, i.e., that the process can be practiced by another apparatus or the apparatus can be used to practice a materially different process are not applicable to new claim 19. Accordingly, claim 19 is not restrictable from the method of Group I and should be examined therewith.

It is further submitted that new claim 19 is generic to claims 16-18 and that all of these claims can be properly made to depend from new claim 19 and should be examined therewith.

An early examination and allowance of all claims is requested.

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